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**Patchwork 1-This I believe**

**Blood is thicker than water**

Do you all have a good relationship with your maternal grandparents? Are you close with them? For me, I was not close to my maternal grandparents. To me, they are strangers. However, when I became older and older, I know what blood relationship meant. I believe that blood is thicker than water.

My grandparents and I are not close as we lived far apart and we would only meet two times yearly. Every time when I went to grandparents' house, I would feel like I was going to a stranger's house, I would not call them and just stay there do nothing, even my mother scolded me badly. I am sure that it is difficult to everyone to call strangers, grandfather and grandmother.

When I was four or five years old, my grandmother passed away. My parents brought me to grandparents' house to set up the funeral. As I was still too young, did not know why everyone was so sad, just knew that grandmother went to a far place. However, it was strange that I would feel sad when I knew grandmother passed away, as I was not close with her. To me, she was a stranger.

After grandmother passed away, my grandfather lived alone, sometimes my mother would bring me to visit him. In my memory, grandfather was not concerned about me. Every time I went to his house, he just ignored me, and I thought grandfather did not like me. However, I was wrong. Before I came to Singapore, he gave a thousand dollars to mother and kept asking about my situation. I was glad knowing that he was concerned about me, and I felt he was more cordial to me.

Every time I went back to my hometown, my father would bring me to visit my grandfather. I would feel sorry for him when I saw he lived in a big house alone. However, when he saw me, he would just smile non-stop. I knew he was glad to see me, but he could not say any warm speech to me. Every time I saw grandfather, he was getting older and older, and became more and more unhealthy. I was surprised that I would feel distressed.

One day, I received a message from my cousin in China. He told me, "ChenQiong, your grandfather passed away." When I saw this message, I was shock. Did not know why my heart just stops pumping at a moment. I just stared at the computer. I felt that my heart was freezing; could not move; even breath. Everything stopped, grandfather's smiling face just float through my brain.

From that moment onwards, I just realised the phrase "blood is thicker than water". This taught me that we have to cherish the relatives around us, otherwise, when you lose of them, you maybe regret. I also learnt that no matter how bad the relationship between relatives, they will still worry about one another. It is because they are not strangers, because they have blood relationship, and because blood is thicker than water.